

MERCURY AND AIR TOXICS STANDARDS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's Mercury and Air Toxics Standards for power plants, after receiving testimony from Regina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Robert M. Summers, Maryland Department of the Environment Secretary, Baltimore; Robert K. James, Avon Lake City Council Member, Avon Lake, Ohio; William Lambert, Oregon Health and Science University, Portland; Harry Alford, National Black Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D.C.; and Vickie Patton, Environmental Defense Fund, Boulder, Colorado.

TAX FRAUD BY IDENTITY THEFT

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth concluded a hearing to examine tax fraud by identity theft, part 2, focusing on status, progress, and potential solutions, after receiving testimony from Steven T. Miller, Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service, and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, both of the Department of the Treasury; Ronald A. Cimino, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Criminal Matters, Tax Division, Department of Justice; Sal Augeri, Tampa Police Department, Tampa, Florida; Bernard F. McKay, American Coalition for Taxpayer Rights (ACTR), Washington, D.C.; and Kirsten Trusko, Network Branded Prepaid Card Association, Montvale, New Jersey.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Resources, John Christopher Stevens, of California, to be Ambassador to Libya,

and Jacob Walles, of Delaware, to be Ambassador to the Tunisian Republic, who was introduced by Senator Coons, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL AND MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine a review of the Office of Special Counsel and Merit Systems Protection Board, after receiving testimony from Susan Tsui Grundmann, Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board; and Carolyn Lerner, Special Counsel, United States Office of Special Counsel.

STUDENT DEBT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hearing to examine student debt, focusing on providing fairness for struggling students, including S. 1102, to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to certain exceptions to discharge in bankruptcy, after receiving testimony from Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway, Frankfort; Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, and Danielle Jokela, both of Chicago, Illinois; G. Marcus Cole, Stanford University, Stanford, California; Deanne Loonin, National Consumer Law Center (NCLC), Boston, Massachusetts; and Neal McCluskey, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 4214–4227; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 109; and H. Res. 589–590, 592 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 591, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system (H. Rept. 112–416) and

H.R. 4014, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to information provided to the

Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (H. Rept. 112–417). **Page H1426**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Tipton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1393**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1398**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Andrew Walton, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC. **Page H1398**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Washington, Mr. Inslee, the whole number of the House is 432. **Page H1398**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Excess Federal Building and Property Disposal Act: H.R. 665, amended, to establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 114. **Pages H1401–05, H1410–11**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:34 p.m. and reconvened at 1:47 p.m. **Page H1405**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Sarbanes, wherein he resigned from the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology and Natural Resources. **Page H1411**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Fudge, wherein she resigned from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. **Page H1411**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 590, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H1411**

Removing restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia: The House passed H.R. 2087, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia, by a recorded vote of 240 yeas to 164 noes, Roll No. 117. **Pages H1405–10, H1411–20**

Rejected the Loretta Sanchez motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 180 yeas to 226 noes, Roll No. 116. **Pages H1418–19**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H1415**

Rejected:

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2012) that sought to require independent valuation of the land prior to any restrictions being removed. The amendment requires valuations of the land for the years 1776, 1865, 2013, 2017, 2032, and 2212 and **Pages H1416–17**

Grijalva amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2012) that sought to require Accomack County, VA, to pay fair market value for the land and to require an appraisal of the land prior to sale (by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 226 noes, Roll No. 115). **Pages H1415–16, H1417**

H. Res. 587, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 113, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Page H1410**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 587 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 112. **Pages H1406–08**

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: Representatives Boehner, Cantor, and Pelosi. **Page H1420**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1407–08, H1410, H1410–11, H1417, H1418–19, H1419. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Smithsonian Institution. Testimony was heard from Wayne Clough, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from the following department